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December 27, 1993

Mr. Steve Dunn Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation PO Box 840 Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

Custer Federal #1, M-05-25N-08W (Drip pit) SOB Federal #1, E-08-25N-08W (Drip pit) Yucca Com #1, H-02-25N-09W (Drip pit)

Dear Mr. Dunn:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that <u>all pits</u> and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections conducted on December 21, 1993 by Charles Gholson revealed that above mentioned pits require compliance.

Exception to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exceptions have been received in this office for these pits.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by January 10, 1994. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

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Dianna K. Fairhurst

Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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